

IV. REMARKS

The abstract, disclosure and claims 1 and 9 have been amended as indicated.

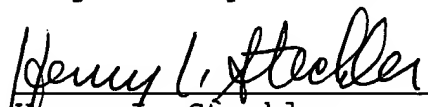
It is therefore submitted that they are no longer objectionable.

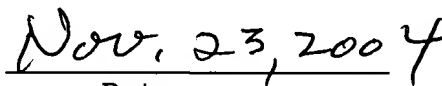
Claims 1 and 14 have been respectively amended to incorporate allowable dependent claims 9 and 22. Thus they are allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$430.00 is enclosed for a 2 month extension of time and additional claim fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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